

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1-31 have been canceled and claim 32 has been written in independent form.

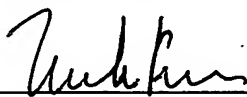
Turning to the rejection of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-31 of prior U.S. Reissued Patent No. RE37,678E, such rejection has been obviated in light of the cancellation of claims 1-31 of this application.

As to the rejection of claims 32-35 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 47 of U.S. Patent No. RE37,678E, as recognized by the Examiner, such rejection can be overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejection as set forth by the Examiner, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and the appropriate fee therefor, such that this rejection should now be overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit claims 32-35, the only claims remaining in this application, should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.39180RC2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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